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3. Doctor Jonathan Webster, a merchant of Hartford, Ct., b. Jan. 9, 1686-7, at Middletown, Ct., m. (1) May 11, 1701, Dorcas, daug. of Stephen and Dorcas (Beeson) Hopkins, and grand-daughter of John and Jane Hopkins, first settlers of Hartford; also of John Beeson of Farmington. In the Will of Stephen Hopkins, dated Sep. 28, 1688, he makes a bequest to Dorcas Hopkins his wife, and one to his daughter, Dorcas Webster, of "40 shillings, besides what I have already given her."

Jonathan Webster and Dorcas Webster his wife were received into the Second Church at Hartford, March 17, 1695, and she died during that year. He m. (2) Jan. 2, 1694, Mary Judd, supposed daughter of Thomas Judd of Farmington. His brother, Joseph Webster, also m. a Mary Judd, Feb. 23, 1694, daug. of Benjamin Judd, which see.

At a meeting of the Governor and Council at New Haven, Aug. 8, 1711, there was allowed to Jonathan Webster of Hartford, among others, seven shillings and one pence to help supply an expedition.

He d. 1718, aged seventy-eight years. No date of her death. Three years before his death he made the following:

The Last Will and Testament of Jonathan Webster, Junr. of Hartford, in the County of Hartford and Colony of Connecticut in New England. To God hath given the Earth to the Children of men, devolving to everyone severally as he will, and doth judge to them the liberty of disposing of their worldly estates in a testatoraty way, to such as are to succeed them in the enjoyment thereof, and their doing this reasonably, and in a just and prudent manner, being a likely means to prevent after trouble and contention; Therefore I who am old and under these decays of Nature which forbids a speedy dissolution of it, do with submission to the will of God, make the following disposition of that part of the earthly estate which then His goodness is yet contained in my possession. Item. My will is that all my just debts and funeral expenses be first paid without fraud or delay. Item. I confirm to my loving wife all which before I have made over to her under my hand, and signed by my own handwriting. Item. I give to my three daughters all my movable estate (namely Susanna Steel, Mary Bruce, Websterell Bushell) to be equally divided between them and also I give unto each of my before-named daughters, the sum of ten pounds to be paid unto them; the aforesaid ten pounds in money apiece by my executor within a twelve

month after my decease. Item. I give unto my son Benjamin all the lands that I have within the South Meadow. Item. I confirm unto the heirs of my son Stephen, deceased, the lands which I made over to him in his lifetime, and to have at my decease the buildings standing thereon, except the use of what I have given to my wife. Item. I give unto my son Jonathan my house lot with the-Lastly. I constitute and appoint my son Jonathan executor of this, my last will and testament, and for confirmation of all that is above written I have hereunto set my hand and seal this seventh day of April, anno Domini, 1792. Jonathan Webster a seal.

Witnesses: John Marsh, Elizabeth Marsh, John Marsh, Jr.

CHILDREN: (By first wif.) Jonathan, born March 18, 1682, bap. March 26, 1682; Samuel, bap. Feb. 17, 1683-4; Deborah, b. April 27, 1686, bap. next day; Mary, bap. Sep. 25, 1688, bap. same day; Mehitable, March 9, 1691; Stephen, Jan. 1, 1693, bap. Jan. 2; (by second wif.) Benjamin, b. Aug. 9, 1698, bap. Aug. 19.

An inventory of the property of Jonathan Webster, dated July 23, 1779, mentions his wife, his daughters, -Josephine Steele, Mary Bruce, Mehitable Bidwell, and his son Benjamin, the heirs of his son Stephen, and his son Jonathan. (Samuel is omitted.) Reprinted in Chapter IV.

6. Dorcas Webster, b. Feb. 13, 1716-17, w. Feb. 13, 1735-40, Eliphalet Ensign. He was the son of David Ensign, as noted Dec. 13, 1703, David Ensign of Hartford, Ct., gave Eliphalet, his son, land in New Hartford, where afterward Eliphalet resided, and where Eliphalet Ensign d. July 21, 1792, in his 79th year. She doubtless d. at Wethersfield, Hertford (afterward Goshen) Co., N. Y., as witness; 1767, Dec. 10, she gave power of att'y to her son Samuel to hunt her farm in New Hartford, Ct., "on which my late husband, Eliphalet Ensign formerly lived," and described herself as "late of New Hartford." Nath. Harlant, Justice of the Peace, and Uriah Seymour are named in the paper. Eliphalet Ensign had a brother David who m. July 4, 1766, Elizabeth Forster-son. These brothers took the oath of Freeman in New Hartford, Ct., Dec. 10, 1752.

Real Estate Note:-LYTT, Apr. 2, David Webster of Wethersfield; Eliphalet and Dorcas Ensign of New Hartford, Litchfield Co., Ct., quit-claim to Jonathan Webster of Glastonbury, land in Glastonbury, Wethersfield, Eliphalet Merrill of New Hartford, Aaron Austin, Sarah Colsty, and Hepzibah Webster.

CHILDREN: (Ensign) (Born at New Hartford, Ct.): Dorcas, Dec. 27, 1722-40; Jerusha, Nov. 10, 1742; Samuel, Sept. 6, 1745; Eliphalet, Jr., Aug. 16, 1748; Elias, Dec. 26, 1750; Seth, Dec. 20, 1754; Seth (again), Aug. 10, 1755.

(1) Jerusha m. Jan. 25, 1770, Daniel Shepherd, Jr.

(2) Samuel m. Sept. 3, 1767, Mary Town. CHILDREN: Samuel, b. Aug. 2, 1768; Anna, Feb. 13, 1770; Lazarus, Apr. 10, 1772; Sarah, b. Nov. 20, 1774, d. May 2, 1776.

(3) Eliphalet, Jr. m. Nov. 20, 1777, Esther Dickenson. CHILDREN: Esther, b. July 21, 1778; Elias, Aug. 17, 1780, d. June 22, 1793; Polly, Jan. 28, 1782; Elias (again), Jan. 7, 1784; Anna, Nov. 12, 1786; Eliphalet, Jr., Nov. 25, 1788; Dorcas, Apr. 8, 1791; Lucy, July 10, 1791; Sally, Nov. 2, 1793; Susanna, b. Channing, Tioga Co., N. Y., Jan. 15, 1795; Titus, b. Ulster, Lanesborough Co., N. Y., Feb. 12, 1801. (The above taken from town records at New Hartford, Ct.)

James Ensign of Whitesboro, Oneida Co., N. Y., in 1802 purchased land of Peter Smith and Elizabeth his wife, of Utica, N. Y., probably in the town of Canastota. 1810, Thomas Ensign, Nelson, N. Y.

Nov. 20, 1777, Uriah Seymour, Jr., and Dorcas Ensign were married. (New Hartford, Ct., records.) Was she a daug. of Eliphalet not included in above list?

Eliphalet Ensign, Jr., who m. Dorcas Webster, was the son of David Ensign of Hartford, Ct., who in his Will, dated Nov. 6, 1759, named his wife, Sarah, his daughters Abigail, Hannah, Sarah; his sons, David, Eliphalet, Dorcas, Ezekiel; his grandsons, Ebenezer Price, and "my son," Solomon Ensign, his executor. The end.